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Letter dated 7 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, and further to our previous correspondence, I have the honour to inform you of further Iranian violations of the terms of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran:

1. At 1910 hours on 22 January 1992, an Iranian aircraft coming from within Iranian territory overflew the Iraqi border posts at Darraji, Mohammed Kassim and Al-Hassan al-Askari situated in the central sector of the area of separation, then returned towards Mehran and Iranian territory.

2. At 1020 hours on 25 January 1992, a vessel coming from within Iranian territory approached the international border and opened fire with light weapons on the Iraqi positions at coordinates 513793, in the southern sector inside Iraqi territory.

3. At 1100 hours on 26 January 1992, a military vehicle (Land Cruiser) carrying eight Iranian soldiers, including an officer, armed with Kalashnikovs, was spotted near the Zayd post inside Iraqi territory, at coordinates 905095 in the southern sector. They proceeded to observe the Iraqi positions through binoculars and fired 10 shots in their direction before returning to the Iranian lines.

4. At 1035 hours on 27 January 1992, a military vehicle (Land Cruiser) coming from inside Iranian territory and carrying five armed Iranian soldiers was spotted at coordinates 902019 in the southern sector, inside Iraqi territory. The soldiers got out of the vehicle and one of them fired five shots in the direction of the Iraqi positions.

5. At 2130 hours on 27 January 1992 the Iranian side fired eight shots with a Kalashnikov assault rifle in the direction of Iraqi units stationed inside Iraqi territory, at coordinates 904095.

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6. At 1530 hours on 30 January 1992, an Iranian military towing vehicle carrying three armed soldiers was spotted heading towards the Iranian position facing the Iraqi positions at coordinates 902019 in the southern sector, in the area of separation.

7. At 2230 hours on 31 January 1992, an Iranian helicopter coming from within Iranian territory landed at coordinates 457666, to the east of Naft Khaneh. Two Iranian soldiers boarded it and it flew back inside Iranian territory.

8. At 1200 hours on 1 February 1992, an Iranian transport plane coming from within Iranian territory crossed the international boundary in the central sector over a distance of 2 kilometres.

9. At 1100 hours on 2 February 1992, the Iranian side fired an 81-millimetre mortar shell at the Mohammed Kassim border post; the shell fell at coordinates 055673, inside Iraqi territory, in the central sector.

10. At 1630 hours on 2 February 1992, four Iranian soldiers approached Iraqi units deployed at coordinates 903910 in the area of separation in the southern sector. They were trying to determine Iraqi strength and positions as well as the existence of any artillery support.

11. At 0900 hours on 3 February 1992, the Iranian side emplaced a PKC machine-gun to the north of the Iranian position at coordinates 907785 and an RPG-7 rocket to the south of the same position, in the area of separation in the southern sector.

12. At 0950 hours on 3 February 1992, the Iranians again hoisted an Iranian flag at coordinates 904135, in the area of separation in the southern sector.

13. At 1000 hours on 4 February 1992, an Iranian Chinook-type aircraft, black in colour, coming from inside Iranian territory, was spotted flying over coordinates 9630772 (Chalamjah) at medium speed and at an altitude of 1,000 metres. It then flew north of Mohammarah, inside Iranian territory.

These new incidents, in addition to the repeated violations by Iran of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries, once again confirm the Iranian Government's persistence in infringing Iraq's sovereignty and security and its lack of interest in a genuine peace between the two nations. My Government holds the Iranian Government responsible for the harm done to Iraq by these violations.

In bringing Iran's violations of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran to your attention, I request that you take the measures provided for in the Charter of the United Nations to put an end to them and prevent their recurrence so that peace and security may be preserved in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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